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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD
SECTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

POST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL RECOMMENDATIONS IN STB DOCKET NO. AB-88 (Sub-No. 12X)

December 20, 2007

ABANDONMENT TYPE

The time for comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) has expired in this:

() Notice of Exemption (X) Petition for Exemption () Regulated Abandonment

(X) NO NEW COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED

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SEA served an Environmental Assessment (EA) for this proceeding on November 16, 2007 for public review and comment. In the EA, SEA recommended three environmental conditions and concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment if the recommended conditions are imposed.

Comments on the EA

Not applicable.

Modifications to the EA

Not applicable.

Conclusions

The EA comment period has ended. Accordingly, SEA recommends that the following conditions previously recommended in the EA be imposed upon any decision granting abandonment authority:

1. Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company shall consult with the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and notify NGS at least 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that would disturb or destroy any geodetic station markers.
2. Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company shall consult with the Butler County Conservation District to determine the applicability of and need for an erosion and sedimentation control plan for salvaging activities.
3. Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company shall consult with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on the need for prior approvals for any work in waterways, floodplains or wetlands; and to determine the applicability of water obstruction or encroachment (WOE) requirements as they pertain to bridges and culverts.

If the above conditions are imposed, SEA believes that the proposed action would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

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